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# Edelweiss Chalet Chatter

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## NEWS FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER!

As I write this newsletter I am thinking about the death of one of our Junior Members, Alex Troxler. How sad is it to lose someone so young and with so much life left in front of them. My heart goes out to the family as they struggle to answer the question "why"? I cannot imagine the pain and struggles they will go through. It certainly makes me think about how precious life is and that every day I take for granted how lucky I am. I have a beautiful wife, 2 wonderful little boys and a great place to go to work every day. Thank you for letting me be a part of your life for the last 5 years. I hope that I reciprocate and make it that much better for you.

We held our Club Championship August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following winners Men's Championship Flight- Craig Hodgson, Women's Championship Flight - Brenda Miller, Women's Net Flight - Jane Sybers, Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Flight - Bob Volkman, Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight - John Meyer, Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight - Rhett Reuter, Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Flight - Jim Kalscheur. Thank you to all who participated. It was our best turnout since I have been here with over 65 people playing.

Congratulations to the Edelweiss Swiss Cup team as we recaptured the Cup from Monroe CC this year. That makes our record 3-1-1 over the past 5 years. Hopefully we can continue our great play and keep it for a few years in a row.

As a reminder, all Edelcash that was issued at the beginning of the year needs to be spent before October 31<sup>st</sup> or it will be deleted. Any Edelcash that was won in a tournament or any Edelcash you added to your account will carry over to next year.

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Member's Day. Come out and enjoy golf with free food from 11am until 4pm with flag prizes on the golf course the entire day. The Packer's play the Bronco's at 3:15 so stick around and watch the game. We hope to see all of you that day.

The building has gone through a facelift over the past few weeks. We had the building pressure washed, stained and painted. Darris Henning with Preferred Painting did the work and I think he did a great job. His phone number is 325-7428 if you have any painting projects that need to get done this fall.

Greens Aeration will take place on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The course will be closed that day but will be open the following day. It usually takes 10 days for the greens to completely heal and then they should be healthy for next year when we open.

I would like to address one subject that has seemed to get worse as the year went on and that is members not waiting their turn in line. Whether it be in the pro shop or in the bar area, everyone needs to wait their turn. It looks bad for us as a facility when we have 3 guests waiting to check in for golf and you reach your hand across for a key or shout from the Pepsi machine "Put this on my Edelcash" or "What is my tee time for Saturday?". It may seem like something small and minor but it does leave a negative impression on our guests.

We have 2 board members whose terms expire this year. If you are interested in running for the board please let me know and I will add your name to the list. Eric Miller has expressed interest in running again and Richard Arn is undecided at this time.

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I cannot believe I have been here for 5 years already. I could not be happier with how my first 5 years have gone and can't wait to see what the next 5 years brings.

I hope to see you all soon,  
Jeff

### HAPPENINGS FROM THE BOARD

*(This is a short synopsis of the minutes of the board meetings. A complete listing of the board minutes is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the restrooms.)*

June 14, 2011

Todd Jenson, who works with Green Country Land Conservation, was present to explain the stream bank cleanup that the Green County Drainage Board is requiring all landowners to do within the next three years.

Jeff was asked about the use of guest cards for outings. Guest cards are not to be used for greens fees for outings.

The board asked how the new food items are selling – the quesadillas are selling very well but the mini tacos are not.

Most of the board members have heard good comments on the conditions of the course this year. The grounds crew is working on the sand trap on #18 today.

Eugene Campbell, Ben Jeglum, and Laurelle Timms will be reimbursed \$100 for their certificates since they are not joining Edelweiss this year. Ken Short, Mark Richards, and Marty & Amy Andersen were dropped from membership with no reimbursement. Gregory Thoenke has joined as a new member.

July 19, 2011

Pete told the board that our cash flow situation this year is showing an improvement over past years.

Member Guest Day is scheduled for August 6.

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Rounds of golf played this year versus last year remains about the same but income is up because we have not included the tax due in the cost of the round and cart rental this year.

Tim Abraham has several ideas for improvements to the clubhouse area. He also made a suggestion that we replace our parking lot lights with fluorescent lights that have a greater life span and give off more light.

We have received our propane contract from Co-Op Oil Association. Pat will obtain a second bid for comparison purposes and contract with the lowest price.

### FROM THE OFFICE

Can you believe that Labor Day is here already? Where has the summer gone?

Edelweiss has had a very good year so far this year. We are already getting new members for next year. Jeff is running a special deal for the fall - if you pay your dues now for next year you can golf for free the remainder of this year. If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of Edelweiss, this is a great deal! Pass the word along!!!!

We still have several more outings and wedding receptions scheduled for the 2011 season so be sure to check with the pro shop for available tee times. We have gotten some good comments on the outings that we have had this season, both as to the conditions of the course and the friendliness of the staff. Jeff does an excellent job of making sure that everything runs smoothly. Be sure to thank him for his efforts the next time you see him.

Next summer is beginning to fill up with outings and wedding receptions also. Would you believe that we have only one Saturday in June that is not booked?

Now that the weather is cooling down, we should have some great days for golfing. I hope to see many of you out here this fall!

Pat

